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SUBJ: UNIFIL DEVELOPMENTS AS OF LATE MARCH 23

1. SIILASVUO PROTESTED STRONGLY TO IDF LATE MARCH 23
REGARDING MAJOR HADDAD'S OBSTRUCTIONISM. AS A RESULT,
WE ARE TOLD BY UNTSO, ISRAELI NORTHERN COMMANDER CALLED
HADDAD ON CARPET AND ORDERED HIM TO CEASE ANY FURTHER
INTERFERENCE WITH UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. COMMENT:
WE SHALL SEE WHETHER THIS CHEWING OUT HAS ANY MORE EFFECT THAN
PREVIOUS ONES. END COMMENT.

2. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, UNTSO TELLS US THAT ILMAC
CHAIRMAN ESPINASSY TALKED TO PLO OFFICIALS MARCH 23 IN
BEIRUT INCLUDING ABU WALID AND ABU JIBAD REGARDING PLO
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COOPERATION WITH UNIFIL. PLO REPORTEDLY PROMISED TO DO
"NOTHING TO HINDER OPERATIONS" OF UNIFIL. CONSEQUENTLY,
FRENCH CONTINGENT WHICH LANDED IN BEIRUT WILL SEND DOWN
ADVANCE PARTY TO TYRE MARCH 24 TO RECONNOITER AND HOPEFULLY
ESTABLISH OPERATING BASE.

3. NORWEGIAN COLONEL HAS ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM AND BEEN IN

CONTACT WITH UNTSO MARCH 23 TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF ARRIVAL
OF NORWEGIAN CONTINGENT. IT IS NOW PLANNED THAT ADVANCE
NORWEGIAN PARTY WILL ARRIVE IN AREA SUNDAY MARCH 26.

4. SIILASVUO, ERSKINE, AND JONAH WILL GO TO NAQUORA MARCH
24 FOR 1430 MEETING WITH IDF. THEY EXPECT TO SEE GUR AND
ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT INFORMED AS TO FULL AGENDA THIS WILL AT
LEAST GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH-LEVEL, ON-THE-SCENE DISCUS-
SION BETWEEN UN AND IDF.
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